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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Peter Paul House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side State Route 701 at junction with
State Route 913.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dayton

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Rockingham

CODE

165

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Driver

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4, Box 95

CITY, TOWN

Harrisonburg

VICINITY OF

STATE
Virginia 22801

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Rockingham County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Harrisonburg

STATE
Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

has this property been
determined eligible?

yes ☒ no

DATE

1967, 1978

FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Peter Paul House is a two-story, two-bay Germanic house in southern Rockingham County. Built of log, the exterior of the house was stuccoed at an early date. The windows have late 19th-century 2/2 sash on the first floor and 2/2 and some original 6/6 sash on the second. The main door is in the east bay of the south facade. A 20th-century porch, replacing an earlier one, shelters the front and the west end, and a trap door in the floor of this porch provides access to the cellar under the western end of the house. The gable roof is covered with standing-seam sheet metal, and an ashlar limestone chimney rises near the center of the roof. To the rear is a three-bay brick ell, also covered with stucco. Built in 1829, it also has an interior chimney, a standing-seam sheet metal roof, and 2/2 and 6/3 sash. Glassed-in, one-story porches shelter both sides.

The original section to the Peter Paul House has a basic Rhenish Flurkuchenhaus plan. To the east of the central chimney is a Küche (kitchen) which runs the depth of the house. To the west of the chimney are a square Stube (parlor) in front and a narrow Kammer (chamber) in the rear. The stair is a modern one, rising in front of the chimney; the original stair apparently rose in the northwest corner of the Küche. The second-floor plan was originally the reverse of the first, with two rooms to the east and one to the west of the chimney.

The interior of the house has apparently been extensively changed, with plasterboard covering the walls and ceilings, but closer examination reveals that all of the original elements survive under this 20th-century work. All of the first-floor partitions enclose the original beaded boarding, and the doors leading from the Küche to the Stube and the Kammer--respectively a six-panel, raised-panel door and a battened door--are original. Two original partitions survive on the second floor, as do the Küche hearth, a second-floor chamber hearth, most of the original floors, and the original ladder stair to the attic.

Like most German houses, the structural elements were the only decoration, but two Federal-style mantels survive in the two-room ell. In the south room, the mantel has symmetrically molded pilasters supporting a three-panel frieze, with the whole surmounted by a thin shelf resting on an elegant reeded base molding. A similar mantel is used in the north room, except that the reeding is omitted and the pilasters are fluted.

Several outbuildings stand near the house including a concrete-block barn to the north and a frame garage to the northeast. All of these are of modern construction and have no architectural significance.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The bounds are a rectangle formed by imaginary lines on the north and south, by State Route 701 on the west, and by the 1280' contour line on the east.

18 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1805-1815; 1829 BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Peter Paul House, a log building near Dayton in Rockingham County, is one of a small group of Continental farmhouses surviving as relics of the heavy Swiss and German settlement in the Shenandoah Valley. Built on land purchased by Paul from the Harrison family, founders of nearby Harrisonburg, this central-chimney dwelling is also one of the latest and the furthest south of these European-derived houses.

Many of the Rockingham County records have been destroyed by fire, but it appears that the first European owner of the land on which the Peter Paul House stands was Daniel Harrison, who settled in the area in the mid-18th century. Peter Paul first appeared in the written records of the area in a listing in the Rockingham County Personal Property Tax Books of 1802 charging him with the ownership of four horses. In 1804 he was recorded as owning 120 acres of land, which increased to 187 acres in 1814 when it was listed as lying on a branch of Cook's Creek. Increases in these holdings over the next few years indicate that Paul acquired all of his tracts from Benjamin Harrison, an heir of Daniel Harrison.

Probably about 1810, but certainly before 1820, when the land tax records show a \$250 valuation for buildings, Paul built a three-room, central-chimney log Flurkuchenhaus, a traditional house form in the Rhineland and in Switzerland. His house was atypical in being set on a flat site, rather than into a bank, the latter a characteristic siting of Germanic houses. Furthermore, houses of this type were rarely built in Virginia after 1800. The Peter Paul House may be the latest example now standing in the state.

In 1829 he added a two-room ell to the house, a standard form of addition to houses in the Valley. This construction increased the value of his buildings to \$600. Paul died at mid-century, and the property was inherited by his sons. Now an unoccupied house on a working farm, the house is in need of renovation.

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10 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hess, Nancy B. The Heartland: Rockingham County. Harrisonburg, Va.: Parkview Press, 1976.
Rockingham County Deed Books 000, 1, 2, 3, 12, 23.
Land Tax Books 1782-1862.
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Terrell, Isaac Long. Old Houses in Rockingham County, 1750-1850. Verona, Va.: McClure Press, 1970.

11 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE NAME Bridgewater, Va.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point on E side of State Route 701, about 200' N of the intersection with State Route 913; thence extending about 300' E to 1280' contour; thence extending about 400' SSE along said contour; thence extending W to E side of Route 701; thence following about 400' N along said side of said route to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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12 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

13 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE OCT 16 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

